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Ms. Cynthia Brown
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Dear Ms. Brown,

I write in support of the Surface Transportation Board giving full and timely consideration to the application of the Saratoga and North Creek Railroad for a permit to extend their common carrier operations and re-initiate freight service on the North Creek to Tahawus rail line in New York State.

This effort is in keeping with the New York State sponsored and approved North Country Regional Economic Development Plan, which includes the preservation and rehabilitation of rail infrastructure within the Adirondack Park as a key priority. Utilizing the North Creek to Tahawus rail line also has the potential of supporting new jobs in the region and being an environmentally friendly alternative to increased industrial truck traffic.

I ask that you please give this application your full consideration. If you have any questions, or desire further information, please do not hesitate to contact my staff member Andrew Usyk at (202) 224-4451.

Sincerely,

Kirsten E. Gillibrand

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United States Senator